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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA: SPC; APARTHEID

1. AT REGULAR MEETING OF SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE, 20 OCT., RESOLUTIONS 324 (SOUTH AFRICA TRUST FUND) AND 325 (SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL PRISONERS) WERE ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE. THE U.S. DELEGATION DID NOT MAKE A STATEMENT.

2. EIGHT DELEGATIONS SUBSEQUENTLY EXPLAINED OR COMMENTED UPON THEIR POSITION, WITH REFERENCE TO DOCUMENT 325. UK JOINED THE CONSENSUS THOUGH IT HARBORED SOME RESERVATIONS, UNEXPLAINED, ABOUT THE TEXT, PARTICULARLY OPERATIVE PARA TWO. (NOTE: OPERATIVE PARA TWO STATES: QUOTE STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE TERRORISM ACT AND OTHER REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO SUPPRESS THE LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE FOR FREEDOM AND SELF-DETERMINATION UNQUOTE. NETHERLANDS NOTED IT HAS SUPPORTED RESOLUTIONS ON THE PLIGHT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTH AFRICA IN SIMILAR PROPOSALS 1963, 1973 AND 1974, BUT RE-EMPHASIZED THAT SA IS NOT A "COLONIAL SITUATION;" THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY STATED THAT WHILE IT WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTED DOCUMENT 325, IT HAD SOME PROBLEMS, NOT EXPLAINED, WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH TWO. THE FRG DID NOT

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SEE "APARTHEID" AS SUCH IN THIS PARAGRAPH, AND PREFERRED TEXT

OF ORIGINAL RESOLUTION ON THIS POINT; ZAIRE COMPLAINED THAT IT WAS NOT LISTED AS A CO-SPONSOR; IRELAND FELT THAT SA SHOULD GIVE AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND THIS WILL OPEN WAY TO TALKS LEADING TO CHANGES IN SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY, WHILE AT SAME TIME IRELAND DOES NOT CONDONE ANY PAST TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; BELGIUM FELT THE PHRASE "SELF-DTERMINATION" BETTER ELIMINATED FROM PARAGRAPH TWO, AND EXPRESSED SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT PARAGRAPHS THREE AND FOUR, WHILE SUPPORTING THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE; FRANCE NOTED ITS RESERVATIONS ABOUT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH TWO; CANADA NOTED ITS APPROVAL IN GENERAL TERMS.

3. THE UK WELCOMED RESOLUTION 324; NOTED THAT HILE THE UK HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE FUND IN THE PAST, IT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER INDEPENDENTLY FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS FUND.

4. THE PAN AFRICAN COUNCIL, EMPHASIZING IT IS THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFRICAN MASSES IN SOUTH AFRICA, PROFUSELY THANKED THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVING THE TWO RESOLUTIONS. THE DELEGATE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS THE PARLIAMENTARY COUNTRIES OF THE WEST WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME. IT IS TO THEIR STATEMENTS - AS IN THEIR EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE ON THESE RESOLUTIONS - THAT VORSTER POINTS IN HIS COMMENTS THAT SUPPORTERS IN THE WEST WILL NEVER DESERT THE REGIME. THE VORSTER REGIME, HE CONCLUDED, HAS NO INTENTION TO CHANGE ITS RACIST POLICIES.
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